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NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS VIRGINIA J. MAYES (NAA/USPS-T23-1-2) November 16, 2001

The Newspaper Association of America hereby submits the attached interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Virginia T. Mayes (USPS-T-23) and respectfully requests a timely and full response under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this date served the instant document on all participants requesting such service in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS VIRGINIA J. MAYES

NAA/USPS-T23-1: Please refer to your testimony at Page 2, lines 9-12 and Appendix B, Table 2, of LR-J-68.

- a. Please confirm that the cost data that you provide to witnesses Moeller and Hope is expressed in cost per pounds.
- b. Please confirm that the cost data that you provide to witnesses Moeller and Hope are not expressed in cost per piece.
- c. If you cannot confirm (b) or (c), please explain why not.

NAA/USPS-T23-2: Please refer to your testimony at Page 4, lines 9-12. Please confirm that the non-transportation cost savings associated with destination entry of Standard Mail are costs of handling mail in bulk (cross-docking) and not costs related to piece handlings. If you cannot confirm, please explain why not.